

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 575 - SB 858**

March 22, 2021

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Nullifies each private act that establishes a county health department or county board of health and requires each to be governed by the State effective October 1, 2021.

Requires each local health authority to report to the Department of Health (DOH) any case or suspected case of a disease declared to be communicable, contagious, or that has been declared by the Commissioner of DOH to subject an individual to isolation or quarantine.

Requires the Commissioner of the DOH to report certain information regarding quarantine cases of individuals to the Joint Government Operations Committee and the Health and Welfare Committee of the Senate and the Health Committee of the House of Representatives within one business day of beginning notified, and monthly until the number of quarantined falls below 30 individuals.

Prohibits a county health officer from ordering a quarantine of a healthy individual or of a place that is reasonably unknown to have contributed to the spread of a disease, epidemic, or pandemic.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Other Fiscal Impact – Redelegating the local government authority to the state could result in local governments ceasing to fund their county health department, or county board of health. If any local government ceased to fund such health entities, there would be an increase in state expenditures and a correlating decrease in local expenditures for continued operation of each health entity. Due to multiple unknown factors a precise fiscal impact cannot be determined.**

Assumptions:

- Redelegating authority over a county health department, or county board of health (health entity) from the local government to the state government could result in a loss of funding from the local government to each health entity.
- If any local government ceased to fund such health entities, there would be an increase in state expenditures and a correlating decrease in local expenditures for continued operations of each health entity.

- Due to multiple unknown factors, such as which local government, if any, would cease to fund their county health entity upon relinquishing authority, a precise fiscal impact cannot be reasonably determined.
- The DOH can update any policies or procedures under the provision of the proposed language within existing resources; therefore, no significant fiscal impact to state government.

## **IMPACT TO COMMERCE:**

### **NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumption:

- No significant impact to commerce or jobs in this state.

## **CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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